such cases have been approved during 1985 and upto June 1986 and in what products ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The products contemplated to be manufactured under the agreement are readymade garments and knitwear sportswear leather garments and accessories.

(b) Government's policy towards import of technology is selective and firmly based on national priorities. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technoloy in India to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in export market.

The details of all approved foreign collaboration cases showing the names of India companies & foreign firms, items of manufacture, nature of collaboration are published by Indian Investment Centre on a monthly basis as a supplement to its monthly News-letter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Travel agencies without licences

@2842-C. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Travel Services operating in Ansal Bhawan is running travel agency without licences;

(b) whether it is also a fact that so many travel agencies are running their business without licence in Delhi/New Delhi with their private Cars; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the travel agencies and what steps are being taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism grants approval to the travel Agents/Tour Operators/Tourist car Operators on application from those who fulfil the prescribed conditions. Seeking approval of the Ministry of Tourism by Travel Agents/Tour Operators/Tourist Car Operators is voluntary and not enforceable by the Ministry. M/s. Bharat Travel Services, Ansal Bhavan, New Delhi is not on the approved list of the Ministry.

Programmes for self-employment for urban poor

@@2842-D. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the programmes drawn up to provide self employment for urban poor; and

(b) what are the details of progress of their implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) A Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) has been launched from September, 1986 with a view to provide soft loan assistance to urban families having an income of less than Rs. 600/- per month. SEPUP will cover all cities and towns with population exceeding 10,000 as per 1981 census and which are not covered under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Under this programme, which would be implemented by the public sector banks, financial assistance upto Rs. 5,000/- per family would be provided to select beneficiaries. The Central Government would provide subsidy at the rate of 25% of the amount of assistance. The subsidy amount will be kept with the financing bank as term deposit to be adjusted after the borrower has repaid 75% of the principal amount at the rate of 10% per annum, for which a period of 36 months including initial grace period of three months, has been stipulated.

(b) The scheme has been launched from 1st September, 1986 and as such at this stage, it is too early to give details of the progress under the scheme.

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